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REPORT GIVEN BY MARY L. SHEPHERD ON I.S.C.A. CONVENTION

Mary Lee Shepherd, Sweet Briar representative to the Intercollegiate Student Government Convention at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, returned Wednesday well satisfied that Sweet Briar had kept abreast and perhaps ahead of the strides being taken in modern student government systems.

This conference included representatives from Smith, Vassar, Wellesley, Goucher, and all the other colleges and universities east of the Mississippi, which have adopted the student government plan. Out of a characteristic round of banquets, teas, conferences, etc., Mary Lee gleaned the following points which she stated in her talk at convention last Thursday.

"There are four advantages of a small school over a larger one. They are: Unity; closer fellowship; closer relationship with the faculty; and a better environment in which the honor system may succeed."

"Some of the larger schools had had trouble with the old double reporting system. They were impressed with the new system Sweet Briar is now using. They could not imagine a girl reporting herself of her own accord."

"Another step Sweet Briar has taken is to make all executive decisions public. This is deemed impractical in some of the large schools, and all executive trials and punishments are kept secret."

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"Another problem Sweet Briar

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Sweet Briar Represented At Dramatic Convention

The annual conference of the Intercollegiate Dramatic Association was held at Wheaton College, Norton, Mass., on November 23rd and 24th. There were fifty delegates present representing about twenty-five colleges. Jctay Embry was there representing Sweet Briar.

The speakers included Dr. Baker of Yale; Miss Katherine Clayton, director and author; Dr. Gneisen of the Duluth Little Theatre, and Miss Robinson, head of the dramatic department of Wheaton.

Dr. Baker's talk was on "Ideals and Methods of Production." He pointed out the fact that old-fashioned producers "whacked" the plays that they produced into shape. Now the ideals of the producers have changed greatly. The modern method is to find out all about a play before beginning to produce it. Dr. Baker said that he usually took more time casting than with coaching a play. He stressed voice as the medium of the actor, saying that it was, that which would distinguish finally the stage from the moving-picture and radio.

Miss Clayton gave an informal talk on work-shops, telling of her experience in the work-shops at Yale, Harvard and in New York.

Dr. Gneisen spoke on the "Realistic Complex in Production." He defined realism as the stupid direct copying of life. In one play of his, *Asco's* which he disliked he told Belasco went God one better on the sunset. He said that scenery should express the theme of the play but must not be louder than the acting.

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ORCHESTRA TO GIVE CONCERT HERE DEC. 2

The Sweet Briar Orchestra, under the direction of Miss Miriam Weaver will be heard in a concert on Sunday, December 2nd.

The program promised is the most interesting the orchestra has ever presented. It reached from the classical to the modern, and offers a well balanced selection. A dance of Grecy, a number of Rhapsody, and two numbers of Bach, which have been arranged for the orchestra, are charming and well suited for the size of this group.

For the first time in its career of three years, the orchestra is playing a Symphony. Haydn's "Surprise Symphony" has been worked over and it is well played. To honor the great Schubert, whose centenary is this year, one of his numbers will be played in this program. It well illustrates this beloved composer's gift for melody.

Several selections from Bizet and Brahms provide the modern touch. The "Hungarian Dance of Brahms" has all the fervor and vigor which makes Austrian and Rumanian dance music interesting.

The orchestra has worked hard in preparing for this concert. It is composed of three first violins, four second violins, two 'cellos, one viola, and one clarinet. These eleven people, including members of the faculty and students, give a great deal of their time to further the interest in music at Sweet Briar. What they offer is worthwhile, charming and interesting.

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Students Play In Departmental Recital

The following girls were heard in a departmental recital on Monday afternoon, November 26th:

2 Part Invention in A Minor—Bach

Miss Alice Dabney

3 Part Invention in G Major—Bach

Miss Evelyn Day Mullin

Prelude and Fugue in G Major

(Well-Tempered Clavichord

Book 2) —Bach

Miss Nancy Coe

Prelude and Fugue in F. Minor

(Well-Tempered Clavichord

Book 2) —Bach

Why? —Schumann

Miss Virginia Finch

Mazurka in B Flat —Chopin

Miss Ellen Mitchell

Nocturne in E Flat —Chopin

Miss Ruth Overton

Impromptu in A Flat —Chopin

Miss Helen Nightengale

Jardin sous la pluie —Debussy

Miss Elizabeth Clary

Gillywog's "Cake Walk" —Debussy

Prelude in C Sharp Minor

Poème —Scriabin

Miss Mary Copeland

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THANKSGIVING AS A SWEET BRIAR FESTIVAL.

The festival of Thanksgiving is considered the most kindly and wholesome institution of its type in our National calendar, and is therefore very widely celebrated. To each person this undoubtedly brings a feeling of spiritual thankfulness, as well as the long moments of material enjoyment that are common to this season.

In spite of the belief common to friends and relatives that it must be rather dreary to be away from home at this time, Thanksgiving at Sweet Briar is most different and pleasant. The formal dinner in the late afternoon is always beautifully served and comes as a delightful break in the everyday routine of refectory life. Also the entertainments given each year in the chapel that evening are especially attractive and usually contain some very different entertainment.

Aside from the purely material enjoyment of the day and the spirit of conviviality which such a festival undoubtedly arouses in any group of people, especially Sweet Briar students have great cause to partake of that aforementioned feeling of spiritual thankfulness. Indeed the day comes as a mile stone in the life of the school year at which we can look back on the many helpful additions to our faculty; on the athletic achievements of our teams and their favorable outlook for future successes; and, finally, that item which is so near to the hearts of all those who were fortunate enough to enjoy it;—our success in the Drive which was held last spring, and in which many of the present students had a glorious part.

WE BUILD.

With only a short part of the school year gone, we may already call it a year of progress, and particularly for Student Government. The first big step was taken at the beginning of the year when the Honor System was interpreted anew, making the whole Student Government system a great deal more the property of each one of us than we felt it could be. A second step that partakes in importance this move is the reorganization of Varsity Council which, for several years, has tended to be rather a shorn in Sweet Briar's side and mainly because no one seemed to be able to define its motives or its purposes sufficiently for it to have a real significance in the minds of the majority of the students.

At two recent meetings of the student body called by the president of Varsity Council, it was agreed and voted upon to keep the traditional theory of Varsity Council but to embody it in an entirely new organization called "Interclass Council." That is, the council is to function all year, is to be composed of a definite number of representatives from all four classes, is to conduct Sophomore-Freshman day, and is to prohibit all other forms of hazing excepting the wearing of aprons and green beads, and the learning of the Seniors' names.

Thus we have a change that is a remarkably progressive one. The upholder (officially) of the traditions of Sweet Briar is to be an advisory, not a judicial body; enlightening, not dogmatic; and best of all, commanding of respect for itself and the college, throughout what it truly and honestly is, not what it pretends to be. We have made the ideal the practical and the questionable the sure.



Alumnae News Box

Priscilla Nell Keys, '26, has a young son, Walter Scott Keys III, born in August.

Anneleby Hall Prothero, ex-'30, has been back visiting on third floor Mansan.

The alumnae of Richmond entered the Sweet Briar hockey team at a banquet, last Saturday evening at the University Club, after the annual Sweet Briar-Westhampton tilt.

Sarah Everett Lee, '28, has been visiting on campus.

Intercollegiate News

Prize Offered For Best College Poem.

Announcement has been made of the Witter Bynner undergraduate poetry prize, \$150 for the best poem of not over 200 lines by a college student.

No limitation of subject matter is made. Poems published in other than college publications will not be considered. The winning poem will be published in "Psalms," a magazine which is fostering the award.

Poems must be typewritten in triplicate and must bear the name of the writer on each sheet. Entries may be mailed to Witter Bynner, 342 Buena Vista road, Santa Fe, New Mexico, by May 10, 1929.

Last year the prize was awarded to a student of Carleton College, Minnesota.

Harvard Uses Gift For Inner College.

A \$3,000,000 gift by an anonymous donor will enable the Harvard authorities to carry out their long-cherished dream of building an "inner college." This plan will permit the organization of a system similar to that employed by Oxford and Cambridge.

The project will bring about the construction of a group of dormitories, dining halls, and common-rooms that will accommodate from 200 to 300 students, who will be permitted to associate with one another continually. While they will all attend classes with the under-graduates, the social equation will be stressed in their case.

The make-up of the special body will be derived from the four classes; men being selected, as far as possible, from the varied walks of college life. Athletes, house students, students of extra-curricular activities will mingle with one another. As a special aid, a staff of special tutors and resident instructors will live with those privileged to gain entrance into the new phase of collegiate life at the Cambridge institution. — Daily Cardinal.

THE OPEN LETTER.

To the Editor:

Liberty, Equality, Fraternity. In the twentieth century competition is keen in many fields of activity. In the classroom and library our ears are occasionally assaulted by the sounds of blasting outside. And indoors, various and sundry students are intent upon sharpening and competition by the addition of succulent and snapping chewing gum. To be sure, neither the constitution of the student body nor the faculty rulings prohibit this pre-occupation. Nor for that matter, do they forbid hockey-playing in the College parlors. One does not expect a college community to demand any such legislation.

Gum, chewing is an absorbing operation, but hardly an aesthetic one. The expression of the gum-chewer is not such as to inspire the highest hopes for her present or future—nor yet for the future of the race. Moreover, vigorous mental exercise rather than maxillary exercise in the class-room might put a quietus on that "feeling of personal wrong" which, it is averred, predominates in the mind of the chewing-gumless. The members of the faculty also like to be able to grin sincerely rather than grimly. Why not do our gum chewing away from academic halls—out where fresh breezes clear away the cobwebs in which these "feelings of

personal wrong" are wont to lodge—out in the neighborhood of the dairy, for instance, in company with other harmless ruminants? —G.

Dear Editor:

In the last edition of the News the faculty were requested to "grin and bear the apparently objectionable practice of chewing-gum." It is universally considered the aim of a college to further thought and knowledge, and the class room is the nucleus of this objective. The importance of the faculty in conducting

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These help him to conduct his classes in a more profitable manner, it should not be objected to by that student who desires the best the professor has to offer. Also that "feeling of personal wrong" would not dominate where the chief interest was in the highest degree of academic work, for which a class room is primarily intended.

We sincerely hope that relatively few of our fellow students are afflicted with the inability to give their undivided attention to the subject of "said classes" unless concerned if the leader is free from gum.

Athletic Notes

Freshman Third Team Ties Second Sophomore Team

On Tuesday, November 21st, the Freshman third hockey team tied the Sophomore second team. The score was 4 to 4. Goals for the Sophomores were made by Boyle, Cole, Fry, and McRae; for the Freshmen by Cockran, Lowder, and Franke.

The line-ups were:

1931. R. W.

D. Boyle — R. I.

L. Cole — R. I.

M. Fry — C. F.

E. McRae — L. I.

M. Nice — L. W.

E. Phillips — R. H.

M. Ferguson — C. H.

M. S. Kelso — L. H.

H. Sim — R. B.

T. Rotter — L. B.

J. Muhlborg — G.

1932. R. W.

C. Cochran — R. I.

M. Lowder — C. F.

J. Franke — L. I.

J. Cockran — L. H.

E. Clary — R. H.

W. Smith — C. H.

E. Phillips — L. H.

S. Gracy — R. B.

H. Roper — L. B.

H. McGehee — G.

Fourth Sophomore Team Defeats Freshman Seventh

The Sophomore fourth team defeated the Freshman seventh team by the score of 1 to 0 in a hockey game played Tuesday afternoon, November 20th.

The line-ups were:

1931. R. W.

D. Sedgwick — R. I.

V. Tabb — C. F.

M. Carlson — L. I.

M. Moors — L. W.

E. Graham — R. H.

E. Stephenson — C. H.

B. Stone — L. H.

E. Greer — R. B.

H. Lawrence — L. B.

F. Whitehead — G.

1932. R. W.

V. Squibb — R. I.

S. Burnett — C. F.

M. Johnson — L. I.

S. Nash — L. W.

E. Marshall — R. H.

C. Manning — C. H.

M. Page — L. H.

M. Malm — R. B.

M. Williams — L. B.

M. Patterson — G.

Freshman Seventh Team Downs Sophomore Third

The Sophomore third hockey team was defeated by the Freshman seventh team in a game played last Thursday afternoon. The score was 9 to 0. A. McRae made six goals. Other goals were made by Squibb and Smith.

The line-ups were:

1931. R. W.

C. Cleckley — R. I.

E. McRae — C. F.

E. Conover — L. I.

M. Jones — L. W.

M. Murphy — R. H.

M. Seaton — C. H.

E. Phillips — L. H.

J. Gibbs — R. B.

K. Carr — L. B.

S. Haskell — G.

1932. R. W.

V. Squibb — R. I.

H. Higgins — C. F.

A. McRae — L. I.

D. Smith — L. W.

R. Kerr — R. H.

C. Manning — C. H.

C. Cockran — L. H.

A. Smith — R. B.

M. Williams — L. B.

J. Wilkins — G.

Substitute: E. Hun.

1929-30 Second Team Wins Over Freshman 8th.

The 1929-30 second hockey team defeated the Freshman eighth team by the score of 10 to 0, on Tuesday afternoon, November 20th. Duval made six of the ten goals scored. Other goals were made by Boyle, Maupin, and Rogers.

The line-ups were:

1932. R. W.

M. West — R. W.

A. Koehler — R. I.

S. Moore — C. F.

C. Hance — L. I.

V. Hall — L. W.

M. Hodges — R. H.

E. Kelley — C. H.

C. Cunningham — L. H.

M. O'Brien — R. B.

V. Nolle — L. B.

E. Dougherty — G.

1929-30. R. W.

L. Kindelberger — R. W.

E. Duval — R. I.

M. Brent — C. F.

M. Maupin — L. I.

L. Rogers — L. W.

E. Riesley — R. H.

M. Lee — C. H.

M. Curtis — L. H.

H. Miller — R. B.

S. Brooks — L. B.

M. L. Shepherd — G.

Substitutes: Fischer.

Campus Characters And Freshmen Play to Tie.

The Freshman first team played the Campus Characters to a tie in a hockey game played Tuesday afternoon, November 20th. The score was 2 to 2.

The line-ups were:

Campus Characters.

J. Blackwell — R. W.

M. Badger — R. I.

E. Conover — C. F.

Mrs. Strode — L. I.

Miss Frost — L. W.

Miss Goreth — R. H.

Miss Rogers — C. H.

Miss Linchbank — L. H.

Miss Ballinger — R. B.

Miss Crawford — L. B.

S. Blackwell — G.

Substitutes: Mrs. Folsom, Mrs. Lil.

1932.

M. Ladd — R. W.

M. Rönne — R. I.

O. Reay — C. F.

A. McRae — L. I.

E. Hun — L. W.

C. Fowler — R. H.

M. Smith — C. H.

D. Smith — L. H.

R. Kerr — R. B.

M. Gruber — L. B.

A. Smith — G.

Substitutes: Vanwinkle, Davenport.

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Freshman Sixth Team Beats Sophomore Sixth.

The Freshman sixth hockey team won the Sophomore sixth team by a score of 10 to 0, in a game played last Wednesday, November 21st. White scored five goals, Musgrave three goals, and McRae two.

The line-ups were:

1932.

E. Maxwell — R. W.

V. Jemison — R. I.

J. White — C. F.

M. Musgrave — L. I.

A. McRae — L. W.

M. Caswell — R. H.

E. Nolte — C. H.

M. Pancake — L. H.

M. Main — R. B.

E. Wright — L. B.

M. Elliott — G.

1931.

F. Arbaugh — R. W.

V. White — R. I.

G. Hutchinson — C. F.

E. Conover — L. I.

M. Duval — R. H.

J. Carr — C. H.

M. Vandenburg — L. H.

J. Steele — R. B.

M. Henderson — L. B.

O. Washabaugh — G.

Substitutes: Fischer.

Riding Notice.

From now on, and until further notice, riders are requested to have their horses back at the Tea House by 6:00 o'clock sharp.

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Bazaar To Be Held

At Episcopal Church.

The Christmas Bazaar of the Episcopal church of Amherst will be held on the 4th and 5th of December, at the Parish House in Amherst. Tea and cake will be served on both days and the Bazaar will last all day.

Mrs. Blackwell has offered to arrange for taking anyone to Amherst on those days if they will phone her.

Movies Taken of Drag

(Hunt.)

Moving pictures were taken of the hunt held on Wednesday afternoon, November 28. Several scenes were filmed of the hounds on the stretch from the dairy to the foot of the Monument hill, and of them coming out of the woods by the orchard. A fox was turned loose at the foot of the Monument hill and a real hunt followed.

Notice for Thanksgiving Hunt.

The Thanksgiving hunt starts at seven in the circle in front of the college. Breakfast for those going will be served at the Tea House on November 28th.

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Sweet Briar Beats

Westhampton 5-2.

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second goal.

A Westhampton free hit near the Sweet Briar circle was intercepted by Jackson, picked up by Prior and passed through an opening by Stone. But as Stone dodged and tacked the ball went ahead and was picked up by a Westhampton back. She sent it to the Westhampton left wing. Martindale tackled and recovered the ball.

Some more tackling by Lewis finally gave Swift the ball. Several passes between Swift and Olcott resulted in a score of 3-0, as Swift scored a goal.

From the bullet the Westhampton center forward took the ball. A shot from the circle was cleared by Lyon. Westhampton rushed the ball and shot again. Lyon stopped the ball and the Westhampton center forward pushed the ball into the goal. The score was now 3 to 1, as the first half ended.

Second Half

From the opening bullet of the second half Swift sent the ball to Olcott, who was tackled by the Westhampton back. The ball for several minutes passed back and forth between the Sweet Briar and Westhampton backs. Lewis checked two rushes for goal by Westhampton's left inner with some nice tackles. Lyon cleared two shots by Westhampton.

Swift got the ball and dodged the back, passing ahead to Olcott. She saved the ball from going across the side line by a neat lunge. She passed to Sidman, but a Westhampton back tackled and recovered the ball.

From a 25-yard line bullet Sidman got the ball on her stick and shot for goal. The goal-keeper cleared the ball for a penalty corner.

The ball went to Swift from a Sweet Briar free hit. She shot from the edge of the circle and scored a goal.

A goal was made in the next few minutes by the Westhampton left inner. This made the score 4 to 2. The Westhampton roosters were greatly excited.

The Westhampton left wing dodged Blake, but was stopped by Lewis in the circle and the play returned up the field to the Westhampton goal, but the ball was intercepted by the Westhampton backs and passed out to the forwards.

Jones went in for Olcott, whose nose was hurt. On a pass from Prior, Swift scored the fifth goal.

The ball went up and down the field several times and then the whistle blew. The game was over!

After the game the Westhampton team gave the Sweet Briar team a tea, and that evening the Sweet Briar team was entertained at dinner by the Sweet Briar alumnas of Richmond.

Sweet Briar Represented At Dramatic Convention

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Miss Robinson's talk was chiefly of value because it gave some idea of the problems and accomplishments of the Wheaton Dramatic Association.

The conference next year will be held at New Jersey State College for Women.

Music Department Presents Students in Recital.

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her best. The result was worthwhile and the audience, very small though it was, appreciated every effort. The violin concerto played by Wilhelmina Rankin, the voice numbers by Elizabeth Copeland, and the Debussy played by Nancy Cox were especially interesting.

Mrs. Wailes Making

Study of Rural Life:

The subject of Mrs. Wailes' talk at Co-operation on November 15th was that of her thesis for her Master's Degree, Backward Virginians: A Further Study of the Win Tribe. The term Win was coined by Estabrook and McDougle to designate the triple race mixture of White, Indian, and Negro.

Dr. McDougle preceded Dr. Folson as head of the department of Sociology at Sweet Briar and during that period, he, together with Dr. Estabrook of the Eugenics Record Office at Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, N. Y., published in 1926 a book entitled *Menagerie Virginiana*.

Mrs. Wailes' work is based to some extent on their investigation, but primarily on her own knowledge of the situation. They used fictitious names which, however, can be recognized from their history by one who knows the individuals and has an understanding of the conditions. *Menagerie Virginiana* consists largely of numerous family histories with their charts, and also some analysis of social conditions, but Estabrook and Mr. McDougle account for the backwardness of the group as due to the racial admixture. Mrs. Wailes claims, on the other hand, that this backwardness is the result of the people's cultural isolation, and that the race mixture is just one contributory factor to their isolation.

Mrs. Wailes' interest in these people is of long standing, and while a student at Sweet Briar she made many visits to the Mission under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. A closer contact between the students and the Missioner existed then, for the Missioner rode horseback and consequently was able to come over to Sweet Briar more often. Since her marriage, Mrs. Wailes has lived on a farm where there have been three or four tenant families of this racial admixture, which has given her knowledge of them. She has known many individuals, and has been in their homes and learned much of their family histories and present personal needs.

In ascribing the backwardness of the Win Tribe to their cultural isolation, Mrs. Wailes is continuing her study from the point at which Estabrook and McDougle stopped.

Report Given By

Mary L. Shepherd on
I. S. G. A. Convention.

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seems to have solved is the difficult one of combining scholastic and social activities. This is evidenced by the departmental clubs."

They thought which impressed the Sweet Briar representatives more than anything else she heard were given by Miss Florence Root, Dean of Worcester College. Miss Root believes modern college students miss big factors in their lives by not letting themselves be swayed by big personalities. Miss Root also said that though the personnel of a college is constantly changing, there is one permanent quality which is the soul. Everyone has a chance to contribute to this soul.

Club Notes:

The International Relations Club met on Tuesday afternoon at 4:30, at Dr. Folson's. Merrill Ferguson talked on the Nicaraguan question, bringing out the imperialistic phases of the United States' policy in Nicaragua. A good discussion followed which showed that there is a keen interest in our foreign policy in Central America.

The Oriental Club held its second meeting Wednesday, November 21st. Nora Lee Antrim gave a discussion of China, beginning with the Boxer rebellion and surveying its most important political and economic events since then.

Maria Lee, president of the club, then read an article from a Shantung paper concerning the recent excavation of the tomb of a Doman Emperor.

At the next meeting the subject will be on the cultural background of Japan.

ADALIADE HENDERSON,
JOSEPHINE KLUTZ,
Reporters.

The French Club in its last meeting discussed the introduction of the Vitaphone in France. Charlotte Marks gave a report on this subject which is of interest to Americans as another step towards the linking of the commercial interests of the two countries.

One Year Ago.

Briar Patch went to press.

Mr. Richards, the American Harpist, artist, gave a recital on December 2nd.

History Department entertained in honor of Sir James Rendell Rodd.

Students enjoyed an orchestra with their Thanksgiving dinner.

Fall Archery Tournament was held November 23rd.

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